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The November Lunch attracted 88 members, a record attendance for a CTA site gathering, President Phil welcomed all, included in the welcome were the following members not seen for a while, S(M&G) visitors: John Ball, Tim Barker, Brian Burgess, Tony Carter, Ray Croucher, Vicki Croucher, Robyn Day, Barbara Johnston, Bob Johnston, Ella King, Graham Kenney, Toni Kenney, Robyn McGrath, Margaret McIlwain, Bernadette Mickle, Karl Mizens, Keith Morrin, Bob Naismith, Bill Patrick, Peter Pritchard, Jim Rogerson, Wayne Smith and Judy Smith, others not seen for a while were: Marj Farrell, Bev Raiss, Jan Hawkins, Albert Ben Mayor, Phil Myers and Jim Pearson.

President Phil's welcome was followed by the Loyal Toast.

APOLOGIES

Col Bartrim, Noel Bowmer, Noel Chie, Jim Christie, Peter Dawson, Ken Dighton, Vic East, Greg Evans, Betty Gemmel, Paul Jepson, Clive Lennon, Roland Luke, Phil Minett, Clive Neutze, Jim Richards, Warren Riedel, Ian Stewart, Colin Stoner, Brian White, Bob and Vicki Wilkinson,

NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome to Wendy Bradshaw of Aberdeen NSW and Tony Haynes of Merrylands NSW. Watch this space next month, a lot of familiar names to be added to our membership.

INTEREST RATES

From 1/11/2014

Less than \$20,000	1.68%
Greater than \$20,000	2.16%

WELFARE

Ken Dighton our Welfare Officer reports for November 2014

Sick List:

- Noel Chie said that he is home but will be attending rehab. twice a week for 10 weeks. On the mend, however, which is good to see.
- Peter Rutledge is now at home convalescing. He is making slow progress on a walking frame, but is confident of full recovery given time.
- Geoff Taylor had surgery on his right shoulder. He is progressing well.

I made contact with the following people, who enjoy the esteemed title of Honorary Member, to check up on them in their birthday month and to extend birthday wishes:

- Olive Bourke (88) – I had a good chat with Olive who is getting along OK. She was concerned about what I might write about an “old girl like me”. I had to assure her it would be complimentary (just like: she seems to still have all her marbles!). Olive is involved with Probus and enjoys club activities.
- Noel Bowmer (80) – he is of course a lunch meeting regular, but not this month unfortunately. He has an appointment with his doctor. He said he gets good support from his family and is generally coming along well.
- Ron Bracken (80) – I had to leave Ron a telephone message. However, he is a regular at the Newcastle lunch meetings and a keen caravaner. Best wishes for your 80th Ron, and we hope you remain well.
- Lloyd Guthrey (80) – This is Lloyd’s reply to my birthday email: “Many thanks for your greetings. Jan and I continue to enjoy both life here in Perth and reasonably good health. It is now 20 years since I retired from the Bank but other appointments, both paid and honorary, kept me busy until 18 months ago. Since then I have been spending more time at bowls and also with a number of lunch groups to which I belong.

Unfortunately, our visits to NSW to catch up with family and friends and in particular to help our son Brett who grows persimmons at Cobbitty, often do not coincide with ROC meetings but we are in contact with Noel Bowmer, Alf McDermott and Alasdair Steele and recently saw Bob Garrett when he and Wendy passed through Perth. Also, the Newsletters keep us somewhat in touch.

Although both Jan and I joined the E S & A Bank in NSW, 40% of my time with the Bank was spent either interstate or overseas. We moved to Melbourne in 1971, then Fiji for 3 1/2 years before coming back to NSW where my last posting was at Martin Place. In 1985 we moved to Queensland, then Bombay, and finally Perth where we have now lived for 25 years.

Thanks again for your message and please pass on my good wishes to all members.

- John Hudson (86) – “getting a bit long in the tooth”, but in pretty good health. And he regards himself fortunate in this regard. Still living at North Epping, his home for about 50 years.
- Phil Myers (82) – In good health. Phil expects to be at the November lunch meeting and S(M&G) re-union. He fondly remembers the table tennis and basketball comps. from those days.
- Col Rolla (84) – he is OK after a mini-stroke. He said his biggest problem with it was that he was not allowed to drive his car. He had his driver licence returned 2 weeks ago and “things are back to normal”. Col is still bowling at Valentine.
- Jack Thoroughgood (103) – I had a great conversation with Jack, who still lives by himself at Kingsgrove. He said he is “paddling along”, ably assisted by his daughter Jill (former Staff member) who lives nearby. He is going so well he thought he might make a football comeback! Jack enjoys our Newsletter and is very interested in ANZ.
- Barry Smith (80) – of course I wasn’t able to make contact with Barry (he’s always out!). I did leave him a good wishes message, and I would expect him to be “a show” for the M&G re-union. He may even tell a joke or two.
- Geoff Cox (81) – from a health perspective Geoff has had a pretty torrid time of late. He had a secondary cancer from his prostate primary and spent quite some time in a great deal of pain. However, he is feeling better now. To top things off, he had to have a knee replacement. Best wishes Geoff and we hope your 82nd year is a much better one for you.

I was unable to contact Ivan Briggs (phone number no longer connected), and Alison Murphy (phone not answered).

Re Kevin Coulter passing, I’ve spoken to his wife June (I knew her from when Kevin was my boss at Barellan late 60’s). She is finding things a bit tough at the moment.

I went to Brian Maddison's funeral (mostly attended by folk from his church I believe, he was an "only child" and I gathered that he and his wife had no children because a eulogy from his niece was read by the rector).

DECEMBER LUNCH

The 1st December Christmas Function is on at ANZ Centre 242 Pitt St. This event which takes the place of our usual Monthly Lunch for December is now fully booked, if you are not booked in & would like to try get along you will need to ring Secretary Reg & he will put you on the waiting list. Those attending are reminded that they will need photo identification to gain access to the venue at 242 Pitt Street.

OTHER INTERESTING STUFF

Ian Jarratt emails...." I met up with John Collins and his wife Clare and Ross Barry and his wife Judy when we were in Brisbane earlier this month

John sends his regards and would have loved to be at the S(M& G) reunion but hopes to be able to coincide a visit to Sydney with one of our meetings in the future.+

From ANZROC Vic November Newsletter....." Jim Christie emails that while he hasn't been an active member of the ROC he has always appreciated receiving the Newsletters and the traditional birthday card. This year was no exception so he would belatedly like to say a big thank you. Jim has also been prompted to write to advise members of the passing of Larry Jacka who died recently in Sydney. He was 69. Larry came from Sydney and worked in the old EDP / Methods and Supply Department at South Yarra as a Methods Officer and will be known to many members of the ROC (Vic) as a bit of a larrikin and a master of "one liners". Following his stint in Methods he returned to Sydney. He joined Rotary and became a very committed Rotarian serving as a District Governor and working on a number of overseas projects. After leaving ANZ he worked with the CBA and was still employed by CBA when he passed away."

DATES OF INTEREST TO BE NOTED

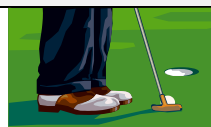
In the Pipeline:

-SCG Tour is getting closer by the minute as our Minister for Good Times is actively co-ordinating a date in early 2015.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to those present at the November Lunch were extended by V.P. Phillip Cohen to: Tim Barker, Alex Morgan, Phil Myers, Noel Ryan and Barry Smith. Barry has now reached that exalted Honorary Life Member status legally, despite having been awarded the title some years ago for his tireless work for the ANZROC NSW over many years. Congratulations again Barry!

RETIRED OFFICERS OF ANZ GOLF DAY



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

Including Dick Kostrubiec Memorial Shield

To be held on the Monday 2nd MARCH, 2015

Location: Port Kembla Golf Course Entry Fee \$40 Lunch only, \$20 Competition: 4 man Ambrose
Hit off: 8.00am shotgun Registration and coffee 7.15am

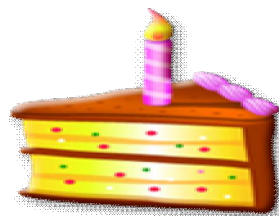
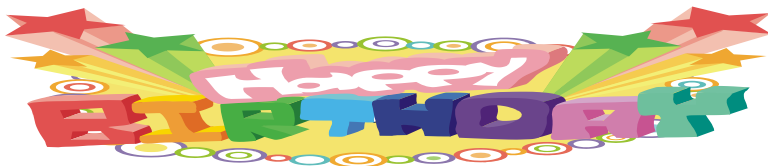
ENTRIES CAN BE FROM INDIVIDUALS, OR FROM TEAMS.

BOOK EARLY WITH BRIAN IF YOU WANT A GOLF CART (16 only).

Those wishing to take part in this event should contact,

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken	ABRAHAMS	15th	Graham	KIRCHNER	5th
John	BECROFT	24th	Jerry	KORNACKI	24th
Phil	BIBLE	8th	Michael	LEATHERBARROW	31st
Anna	CARNIATO	26th	Bob	McELROY	12th
Cheryl	DEAN	22nd	Tony	MOLES	31st
Bernadette	DONNELLY	14th	Keith	MORRIN	2nd
Bob	DUFF	29th	Mike	OSTEN	11th
Judy	ELLIOTT	9th	Rod	PROSSER	11th
Craig	FORDER	4th	Heather	RIACH	16th
Noel	FOX	6th	Jim	RICHARDS	29th
Rod	FRAZER	11th	Cheryl	RICHARDSON	27th
Ian	GARDNER	21st	Laurie	SAINSBURY	20th
Noel	GUILLAUME	25th	Tony	SCHEMBRI	28th
Noel	HALL	19th	Geoff	SHERWOOD	1st
Tony	HARDMAN	8th	John	SNELLING	31st
Chris	HARRIS	28th	Ian	STEWART	20th
Tony	HAYNES	18th	Peter	VALE	24th
Colin	KEEGAN	6th	Karl	WARREN	31st

THE "HONS"

Ray	ALLEN	2nd
Noel	CHIE	24th
Arthur	CRITTENDEN	16th
Noel	DIROU	28th
Bill	KYNASTON	29th
Bob	McEWAN	17th
Peter	MURRAY	5th
David	SCOTT	30th
Jeff	STAVERT	3rd
Theo	YARDLEY	28th

Congratulations to Arthur CRITTENDEN on joining the 'Hons' in December

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robyn	BATE	24th	Julie	LAYCOCK	7th
Noel	BOTTRELL	22nd	John	LIPCZYNSKI	5th
David	BRAIDWOOD	21st	Dick	MATTRESS	13th
Geoff	BROWN	21st	Ross	McKIMM	1st
Margaret	CLUNEY	11th	Paul	McLACHLAN	7th
Greg	CROAN	19th	Ken	McPHERSON	2nd
Ray	CROUCHER	23rd	Eric	MYATT	8th
Rosalie	DERRICK	19th	Irene	NORRIS	22nd
Alan	DEVESON	19th	Nick	OGLESNEFF	16th
Brian	DIGBY	29th	George	ORTIZ	14th

Phil	DURNEY	23rd	Susie	PANG	16th
Marina	EYEINGTON	8th	Barry	PATEMAN	29th
Glen	FITZPATRICK	20th	Bruce	PHILPS	7th
Graham	FRANKLIN	16th	Bob	ROSS	26th
Barry	GIBSON	10th	Ian	ROWLEY	22nd
	Marsfield)				
Barry	GIBSON (Ocean	24th	Tony	ROWLEY	19th
	Shores)				
John	GRANT	2nd	Graham	SCARLETT	16th
Warren	HADLEY	27th	Allan	SEAR	5th
John	HARRIS	14th	Brian	THOMPSON	22nd
John	HILLARD	17th	Ian	TREDINNICK	31st
Warren	HUDSON	26th	Col	WALKER	10th
Dick	HUGHES	10th	Bob	WATSON	20th
Annette	IRELAND	29th	Bob	WILKINSON	8th
Bob	JENNINGS	22nd	Ross	WILLIAMS	5th
Bob	JONES	13th	Cathy	WOODWARD	30th

THE "HONS"

Harry	BROOKES	29th	John	McANELLY	2nd
Doug	CANAVAN	24th	Jim	PEARSON	23rd
Gordon	CRAWFORD	29th	Rita	PURVES	10th
Pam	DEWHURST AM	11th	Ross	RICHARDS	8th
Keith	GOODWIN	24th	Charles	ROSS	16th
Trevor	LECK	16th	Marion	SINCLAIR	3rd

There are no new 'Hons' in January

SOCIAL/SPORTING

Far North Coast (Ballina) Christmas Gathering 13th November 2014

Brian Rawle writes: "We held our 2014 Christmas lunch today 13th November with 13 attending [9 members] and a great day was had by all. Thank you to the committee for your support as we continue to try and keep these lunches going.

Members attending were: Stan Doyle, Ian Fraser, Barry Gibson, Geoff Gill, Col Paff, Brian Rawle, Ken Rose, Jan Rose, and Bob Williams."

19th December 2014: Albert Orszaczky advises that the Canberra Christmas

Function will be held that night at the Royal Canberra Golf Club in Yarralumla. Any former Canberra staff members are invited to attend; also any retired officer/s & partners wishing to go along would certainly be made very welcome. Please contact either Albert at orszo@bigpond.com or Bob Dyer at rdyer@bigpond.net.au if you are interested to attend.

STOP PRESS: MID NORTH COAST

Our mid North Coast chapter is holding it's Christmas Lunch at Port Macquarie on 26th November. If not too late by the time you see this notice, any potential starters not already involved should contact Ann Pereira on 02 6586 4420.

Newcastle/Hunter Valley/Central Coast Lunch.

Was as usual, at the Silver Dolphin restaurant at Wests Cardiff (formerly Cardiff Panthers) on Thursday 13th October, with 28 people present.

Jim Richardson welcomed all present, giving special mention to those who made it up from Sydney. He mentioned the absence of Graham (Doc) Wilson who is sadly missed by us all, a minutes silence was observed to reflect on the memories we all have of "Doc". Jim also passed on to the members of ANZROC Bev Wilson's thanks for their support in her time of loss.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Ken Dighton, Bill Martin, John Heathwood, Lyle and Jan Keppie, Bob Wilkinson, Ian Gardner, Ian and Gwen Jarrett, Bart Byrne, Alan Deveson and Ray Manning. Jim also introduced the new Newcastle Committee charged with looking after the financial and social interests of members within their District. They are Geoff Boyton, Jim and Cheryl Richardson, and Ron Welsh OAM. The opportunity was also taken for those present to acknowledge Ron's recent award of the OAM for his contribution to the disadvantaged in his area, with a warm round of applause.

ANZROC (NSW) President Phil Newsome spoke of coming events and encouraged members to be involved with particular reference to our regular 3rd Monday Sydney lunches. He closed with good wishes to all for Christmas and the coming New Year.

BANKCARD REUNION 25TH OCTOBER 2014.

Paul Jepson writes:

"Many thanks to the ex-staff for making the effort and taking the time to attend, the memorabilia, reminiscing over old times, saw a most enjoyable afternoon had by all. A special big "Thank You" to Tony for organising the occasion."



Back row standing ~ Richard Peddar; Tony Schembri; Geoff Augustin; Harry Brown; Allen Burrige; Jayne Sky; Bob Ziems; Tony Haynes; Brian Lounder; John Stanbridge; Les Webber; Colin Sephton; Paul Jepson and Peter Donney. Front row seated ~ Ana Verjbitsky; Robyn Mac Donald (West); Jan Sutcliffe; Rosemary Partridge (Bull) and Gael Stephens.

BEREAVEMENTS

John Leaver advised the passing of Brian Maddison aged 82, after what is believed to have been a fall at his home. Brian's wife Mavis predeceased him in June 2011, and he is survived by several nieces and nephews. Brian's funeral was held at Eastwood on 31st October 2014.

Ken Dighton advised the passing of Kevin Coulter of Port Macquarie aged 90 on 1st November 2014. Kevin is survived by his wife June. Kevin's funeral was held at Port Macquarie on 7th November.

Ron Kesby aged 83 passed away in the Royal North Shore Hospital on 10th November. Ron is survived by his wife Helen and children Mark, Tony, Julie, Greg and David. Ron's funeral was held at the Rookwood Cemetery on 17th November. (many would have seen Ron's son on the TV program RPA (he is a specialist there).

A period of silence was observed in their memory.
Condolence letters have been sent as appropriate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

June Coulter wrote thanking the Secretary and ANZROC (NSW) for our letter of condolence and for the offer of assistance. She also said, "Kevin celebrated his 90th birthday in hospital. He was in hospital for ten weeks. We really thought he would come home. His health deteriorated very suddenly and he died 1.11.2014. I was with him and our daughter. I have had wonderful help from friends and family."

Wal Pendleton spoke at the Lunch with fondness of Kevin, about their first working together and the potential for a strained relationship between a Bank of Australasia and Union Bank employee just after the merger at that time (1967), and also covered Kevin's final time in hospital before his passing.

Keith Nunn phoned the Secretary to thank our membership for the condolence letter sent on behalf of the members after the loss of his wife Mavis. He is adjusting to his loss with great difficulty following 69 years of marriage, but sounded well despite his loss. He sends his best wishes to all and also voiced his support for ANZROC.

Jamie Roberts of Berowra Heights writes re Brian Maddison "Very sad to hear of Brian's passing. His parents were neighbours of my family, living across the road in New Lambton. They were wonderful people and Brian was a credit to them. It was through Brian that I joined the Bank' when I mentioned to his parents that I wanted to join a Bank. Brian then introduced me to Noel Dirou - Accountant -Hunter and Brown Streets Newcastle and as a result I commenced service at that branch on 14th March 1966, one month to the day from Decimal Currency. I also met his late wife Mavis a few times whilst attending the old Staff Training College in Goulburn Street- Mavis was a very caring woman who couldn't do enough for all of us, especially staff from the country. I never had the privilege of working with Brian but wish I had- he will be sadly missed."

Judith Willis (nee Brown) of Oatlands Tas. and the widow of former staffer Ken Willis writes: "Since my dear friend John Cairns signed me in to ANZROC NSW a few years ago I have seen so many names of colleagues that either myself or my dear late husband Ken knew or worked with. I have been meaning to write a letter for the Newsletter and I will, hopefully before next year. I felt very sad when your email arrived as I think this would be the Brian Maddison I worked with in Newcastle (Hunter & Brown) in the early 50's and again I think in Macquarie Place, Sydney. There were a few of us at Macquarie Place at the time. The (famous) Roly Bourke, myself, I think Brian, and one more that may have been Bruce Stacey. It was like being at home again. Newcastle was a great place to work and had fun staff. It was a challenge when we changed from Bank of Australasia. As seems to have always been, I was thrown in at the deep end but I must say I think it made me who I am, instead of a very shy young 15 year old fresh from school. Thank you again for your email sad though it may be - we all seem to getting up there but is so good to know of old buddies. I do hope to make it up to Sydney for one of the get togethers sometime. It is just a matter of timing."

John Nicholson writes: "I am so sorry I was unable to attend the funeral of Brian Maddison, a long standing friend from childhood days. We lived in the same street in New Lambton, Newcastle and when Brian applied to join the bank, then the Union Bank of Australia, he put his application through the Mayfield Branch where I was the junior. Sydney Office turned down Brian's application saying he did not meet the Bank's minimum height requirements. Funnily enough, Brian was actually taller than the then Manager, Les Jacka, who said to me "He's your mate, you measure him again." Strangely I found Brian had grown 2 inches in that short time and the next try was accepted by Sydney Office without question. From memory he started at Hunter and Bolton Street, Newcastle Branch and went very well in his career in the Bank. Rest in Peace Brian."

On the passing of Kevin Coulter, Albert Orszaczky writes: "Sad news indeed!Kevin was my first Accountant when I joined the Bank at *Camperdown branch in December 1961, straight from high school*. I ran in to him many years later when he was Manager at our branch down here in Queanbeyan."

Tony Knight writes on the passing of Ron Kesby: "Sad to hear of Ron's passing – he was a thorough gentleman, and very helpful to us young blokes who were working our way through the Bank."

Colin Clarke writes: "Ron Kesby was the manager who employed me at Katoomba branch in 1974. My Centrelink officer had told me that I had to apply for some jobs otherwise he would cut me off. So I was returning from Katoomba tip after burning some rubbish (yes we did that in those days!). I was covered in dirt and ashes. I stuck my head in the door of the Branch and asked if they had any jobs (to keep the DSS guy happy), and to my great surprise Ron said that if I could get a medical certificate that afternoon, I could start the following day."

Secretary Reg had the pleasure of speaking to Betty Hickman to have her email address updated this month. Betty is an Honorary Member and has been for some years, so is entitled to be a bit slow on the uptake but she was as sharp as a tack, speaking of the need to change her email address to accommodate her newly acquired I-Pad!! She says she is quite comfortable accessing the Newsletter through the blogsite. Also says she is still relatively mobile, and will ponder the possibility of getting in to a Lunch one day. I truly hope she makes it in as I am sure she would be an inspiration to us all as far as attitude and clarity of mind are concerned. Wonderful chat, thank you Betty.

- Solomon married 700 wives. (I Kings 11:3)
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Women's hearts beat faster than men's.
- A Saudi Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't give her coffee.
- The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.*

May you all have a wonderful & Happy Festive Season
'Till next year

Noel

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